

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Carl Robert Aron et al. Confirmation No. 4348  
Serial No.: 10/669,518  
Filed: September 24, 2003  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CREATING A COST-EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT RETAIL ELECTRIC POWER EXCHANGE/ENERGY SERVICE PROVIDER LOAD OPTIMIZATION EXCHANGE AND NETWORK THEREFOR  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This *Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement* is submitted in response to the April 11, 2008 Office Action. A response to the April 11, 2008 Office Action is due on May 12, 2008 (May 11, 2008 being a Sunday). Thus, this *Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement* is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.